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VIA US MAIL

National FOIA Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2310A)
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Hurricane Ida
Date of Incident: August 29, 2021
Our File No.: 0317-20814

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing with respect to Hurricane Ida and its effect on the Gulf of Mexico, Southeastern Louisiana, and the Lower Mississippi River system between **August 22, 2021, and September 15, 2021.**

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, *et seq.* ("FOIA"), we are hereby requesting copies of any and all releasable records generated and/or maintained by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), and its subdivisions in relation to the approach of Hurricane Ida, its landfall, and its aftermath, including information on meteorological statistics, readings and modeling, including but not limited to wind speed and intensity, pressure, storm surge, river surge, river level readings, rainfall, flooding, and tornadoes, casualty and damages statistics, forecasts, alerts, warnings, probability cones, and any upgrades concerning Hurricane Ida.

We are further requesting information pertaining to any declarations of *force majeure* or vis major by any entities, including but not limited to government or municipal entities, refineries including specifically Valero, vessel operators, barge fleets, terminals, and shipyards, any releases and/or shut-downs, tracking, intensity, storm surge forecasts and warnings, wind watches and warnings, and Impact-based Decision Support Services (IDSS) and public communications.

This request includes, but is not limited to press releasees, bulletins, electronic communications, correspondence, recorded statements, written statements, completed EPA forms, shut-down reports, accident reports, damage reports, investigative reports, readings, notes, opinions, and findings, orders, logs, invoices, inspection reports, contact information of any witnesses, hearing transcripts, investigators or experts, photographs, videos, voice recordings,

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radio recordings, interviews, and any records as previously described submitted to the EPA, and other subdivisions by any party, agency or individual in connection with this incident.

We understand that the EPA will often redact names and personal information from records and statements. If such will expedite obtaining these documents, we will accept documents redacted in such a manner.

Should you have any questions, concerns or requirements for pre-payment for records, please contact me directly at (504) 620-2370. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

PUSATERI, JOHNSTON, GUILLOT & GREENBAUM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Greenbaum', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Aaron B. Greenbaum

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